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TAGS: PFOR SS MR MO & AG

SUBJECT: NOUAKCHOTT CONFERENCE ON SPANISH SAHARA

REF: A. MADRID 2306; B. NOUAKCHOTT 0274; C. NOUAKCHOTT 614  
12/11/72.

1. SUMMARY. FONMINS MOROCCO, ALGERIA INVITED TO NOUAKCHOTT  
MAY 8 TO DISCUSS FUTURE SPANISH SAHARA. MAURITANIANS HOPE  
MEETING WILL HELP DISCOURAGE MOROCCO FROM SEEKING BILATERAL  
DEAL WITH SPAIN OVER SAHARA.

2. FONMIN MOUKNASS ADVISED ME MAY 3 THAT HE NOW EXPECTS MEET  
WITH BENHIMA AND BOUTEFLIKA IN NOUAKCHOTT MAY 8 TO REVIEW SPANISH  
SAHARA PROBLEM. MEETING HAD BEEN SET FOR MAY 7 BUT BOUTEFLIKA  
HAD SINCE ASKED ONE DAY DEFERRAL BECAUSE HE MUST ACCOMPANY  
BOUMEDIENNE TO TUNIS FOR TALKS WITH BOURGUIBA OVER HOMING

WEEKEND.

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3. ASKED WHAT HE EXPECTED NOUAKCHOTT MEETING TO ACHIEVE,  
MOUKNASS REPLIED HE HOPED IT WOULD SERVE RESTORE UNITY OF APPROACH  
VIS A VIS SPAIN ON SAHARAN ISSUE. HE INDICATED GIRM STILL  
IRRITATED AT WHAT IT VIEWS AS MOROCCAN DEFECTION AT UNGA LAST

FALL FROM UNIFIED STAND AGREED ON AT NOUADHIBOU CONFERENCE  
( REF B). SAID IT VITAL THAT COMMON NEGOTIATING FRONT BE  
MAINTAINED AND AVERRED THAT THIS EFFECTIVELY WAS ALSO SPAIN'S  
WISH AS REITERATED MOST RECENTLY BY LOPEZ BRAVO DURING HIS  
BRIEF APRIL VISIT TO NOUAKCHOTT ( REF C).

4. ASKED IF FONMINS MEETING WAS PREFACE TO GATHERING OF CHIEFS  
OF STATE, WHICH PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH HAD FORECAST ON HIS RETURN  
FROM ALGIERS LAST WEEK, MOUAKNSS REPLIED IT WAS " ANTICIPATED"  
THAT COS WOULD MEET TO DISCUSS SAHARA SOON BUT THIS DEPENDED  
ON COURSE OF NEXT WEEK'S CONVERSATIONS AT FONMIN LEVEL.  
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